

## Timely Tidbits ...

### St. Constance Welcomes All on Thanksgiving

St. Constance Catholic Church is inviting everyone to Thanksgiving dinner, which will be served at the parish hall (21555 Kinyon, Taylor) from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 27. The meal will include turkey, ham, and all the trimmings, plus fellowship and thanks.

Those who plan to attend are asked to call 313-291-4050. If you need a ride, please contact Mike Fernandez at 313-295-4844, Joe Taglioli at 313-622-6884, or Ed Nuttman at 313-291-8208.

### Free Holiday Dinner Benefits Goodfellows

Basem and Samer Al-Nimri, co-owners of Romulus House, will continue a holiday tradition by serving pre-Thanksgiving dinner at their restaurant (corner of Wayne and Wick roads in Romulus) on Wednesday, November 26, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Each year, the brothers host the free holiday meal with two goals in mind: to feed people who can't afford a nice dinner with "all the trimmings" ... and to seek donations from those who can.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Romulus Goodfellows.

Everyone is welcome.

### Romulus APA Hosts Free Holiday Dinner

The American Progressive Association of Romulus is inviting the community to attend its 21st annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner. The free event will be held at the Thomas J. Coleman Center (35351 Beverly Road) on Friday, November 21, from 5 to 7 p.m.

### Romulus Library Offers Amnesty ... for a Price

The Romulus Public Library's Amnesty Week, set for November 17-22, will offer an opportunity to return overdue materials without paying a fine. Just bring them, *along with a donation of nonperishable food for the Romulus Goodfellows*, to the circulation desk.

For info, call 734-942-7589. □



## Holiday Happenings Promote Seasonal Spirit



Be sure to set aside time in your busy holiday schedule to take part in some of the following seasonal events in Belleville, Huron Township, Romulus, and Taylor. (Watch for updates and additional program information in our November 28 issue.)

### Belleville

#### 3K Jingle Bell "Fun Run"

The Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation and the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host a 3K Jingle Bell "Fun Run" on the afternoon of Saturday, December 13. Proceeds from the \$20-per-person entry fee will benefit the Education Foundation.

For more information, or to register, call the Chamber at 734-697-7151.

#### Holiday Parade Features Tree-lighting, Visit from Santa

The Chamber's annual Christmas Lights Parade – set for Saturday, December 13 – will begin at 6 p.m. at Belleville High School (501 West Columbia Avenue) and conclude at Horizon Park, where fireworks may be viewed from a "warming tent" at 7:30 p.m. *Please note that no parking will be permitted along Main Street.*

Among those participating in the parade will be Santa Claus, who will stop at the Belleville Area Museum (405 Main Street) to light the tree and accept a "key to the city" before returning to his float, then visiting with children at the First United Methodist Church (417 Charles Street). Children will receive filled stockings and candy canes. Parents are encouraged to bring their own cameras, since Polaroid pictures will not be taken this year.

Refreshments will be available for sale at Belleville High School starting at 3 p.m., and from concession trucks along the parade route.

Parade entry forms are available from the Chamber office (248 Main Street) or newsletter (visit [www.bellevillech.org](http://www.bellevillech.org)).

For more information, call the Chamber at 734-697-7151.

### Huron Township

#### Tree-lighting Program

Huron Township's annual tree-lighting program will begin downtown at Historical House at 6 p.m., when Santa will arrive by fire truck to light the township tree with assistance from student coloring-contest winners. Also on hand will be the Huron High School Band, which will perform holiday selections for caroling.

Afterward, refreshments will be served at a location to be decided, where Santa will hear children's Christmas wishes.

For information, contact the Huron Township Department of Parks and Recreation: 734-753-4466, ext. 149.

### Romulus

#### "No Child Without a Christmas"

The city's busiest intersections will be "manned" by Romulus Goodfellow volunteers on Friday, November 21, and Saturday, November 22, to conduct the group's annual newspaper drive for its "No Child Without a Christmas" mission. If you see a volunteer, please give generously; you'll be helping the less fortunate in your community enjoy a happy holiday.

The Goodfellows will also be accepting donations of cash, gift certificates, winter apparel, and new, unwrapped toys (among other items) through the beginning of December. Items may be dropped off at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) or Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka Road) during normal business hours.

Business owners and civic groups interested in "adopting" a family are being sought, as well. For information, call Mayor Alan R. Lambert's office at 734-942-7571.

Romulus residents who would like to receive help from the Goodfellows may fill out an application and return it any weekday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at City Hall or Fire Station #4. The deadline for registration is Friday, December 5.

For more information, call the Goodfellows Hot Line at 734-955-4577.

#### Santa's Coming!

The City of Romulus will kick off the holiday season on Friday, November 21, when Santa will make his official arrival just in time for the annual tree-lighting.

The fun will begin at Romulus Historical Park (on Hunt Street near the post office) at 5 p.m., when the Romulus Historical Commission and the Romulus Historical Society will open the museum and historic Kingsley house – both decorated for the season – to the public. The Golden Griffon Stringtet will perform in the Kingsley house, and refreshments will be served in the museum.

At 6 p.m., Santa will arrive at Historical Park, where Mayor Alan R. Lambert will present him with a "key to the city" and enlist his help to light the city tree.

Afterward, the Romulus Progressive Club will open Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga, near Five Points), where Santa will hear children's Christmas wishes. Featured attractions will include a train exhibit courtesy of the Lincoln Park Train Club (formerly the Trenton Train Club), performances by the Romulus Recreation Depart-

## Happy Thanksgiving!

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ment's "Ministry in Motion" dancers and hip-hop class, and craft-making. Refreshments and gift bags for the children will be provided courtesy of the Romulus Recreation Department.

(Optional) photos with Santa will be \$2 each. The remainder of the program is free to Romulus residents.

#### Decorating Contest

If you are a Romulus resident who decorates the outside of your home for the holidays, you're invited to take part in this annual contest. Just register your name, address, and telephone number by calling the Recreation Department (734-941-8665) no later than noon on Monday, December 1.

Prizes of \$100, \$25, and \$15 will be awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place finishers, respectively.

Romulus residents who don't enter the contest can volunteer to help judge the event. The Recreation Department bus will transport judges around the city on Tuesday, December 2, beginning at 6 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

There is no charge to enter or judge the contest.

#### Tree-trimming Party at the Library

The Romulus Public Library's annual tree-trimming party is set for Saturday, December 6, at 10:30 a.m.

Those who attend will enjoy some good, old-fashioned fun (including the stringing of popcorn and cranberries for garland), and will also have a chance to make two ornaments – one for the library's tree and one to take home.

Other highlights will include a pizza feast and pictures with Santa.

Although there is no charge to participate, preregistration is required. For more information, call 734-942-7589.

#### Lunch/Story with Santa

Santa Claus will be at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins) from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, to share lunch and a story with youngsters.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Helping Hand Needs Donations for Holidays

To the Editor:

During one of my recent visits to the Helping Hand, a Romulus organization that helps those in need, a number of people came in to ask if turkeys were going to be distributed to families who would not otherwise have one for Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, at this time, Helping Hand does not have any turkeys to give out.

I am asking area residents who can afford it to donate a turkey to Helping Hand so that a less fortunate family can have a

holiday meal, too. Also appreciated would be cash donations – large or small – to be used for the purchase of additional turkeys.

Both money and food may be dropped off at the Helping Hand (37510 Huron River Drive), which is open each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The phone number is 734-941-5323.

Best wishes to everyone for a Happy Thanksgiving!

Councilman Harry Crout  
City of Romulus ☐

## Guest Commentary

### Romulus Athletic Center Is Investment in Healthy Families, Quality of Life

By Mayor Alan R. Lambert, City of Romulus

A little over six months ago, the Romulus Athletic Center opened its doors to the families of our city. It also opened the door of opportunity for families to improve their quality of life here in Romulus.

When we built the RAC, we saw it as an investment in our community. The RAC was a way to help seniors and families get access to a premier, affordable fitness facility that can improve overall health. Thanks to the RAC, families don't have to drive great distances to other locations to get a good workout. Now, they can drive just a few minutes down open streets to the RAC.

The RAC is truly something special: a state-of-the-art athletic facility that has become one of southeast Michigan's top recreation and meeting facilities.

The RAC's membership costs are lower than anything in the Downriver area, proving that the RAC offers real bang for your buck.

The RAC has multiple pool areas, including a splash pool, a lazy river, a two-story water slide, and a traditional lap pool. The RAC features over 6,000 square feet of fitness equipment, a climbing wall, an elevated track, a large gym area, meeting rooms, and a day-care center.

After just six months, the RAC has already won a top state award: the 2008 President's Award by Keep Michigan Beautiful, a nonprofit that has served since the 1960s as Michigan's official state organization promoting beautification. Also, in that short time, we have attracted 5,500 members who utilize and enjoy this beautiful facility.

But the prizes that truly count are the rave reviews and the "thumbs-ups" from families who use the RAC. They recognize the RAC is a jewel in our community that is improving our quality of life and helping families in Romulus and beyond reach their fitness goals.

The RAC has received great feedback – and we intend to keep it that way.

That's why we implemented an aggressive business plan to ensure that the facilities and service we provide are always top-notch and financially secure. We want to make sure families can enjoy the RAC fully, which is why we're committed to providing day-care services for members, programs for school children, and amenities for local groups to meet.

The RAC is a great investment in our quality of life and health. We look forward to working with all parties to ensure that it succeeds well into the future. We hope everyone in Romulus and beyond joins the RAC on the road to fitness and health.

In closing, I want you to know that if you have any questions about this facility or any other project or issue in Romulus, please feel free to contact my office at 734-955-4500. I will be happy to assist you.

*Editor's note: To join the Romulus Athletic Center – located at 35765 Northline – call 734-942-2223. For more information, visit [www.romulusathleticcenter.com](http://www.romulusathleticcenter.com). ☐*

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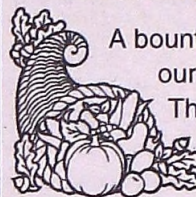
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## City of Taylor, Taylor Rotary Honored for Support of American Troops



Brigadier General Michael Nevin (left) presented Councilman Herman "Butch" Ramik with an American Patriot Award, which Ramik accepted on behalf of the City of Taylor.

On behalf of the City of Taylor, Councilman Herman "Butch" Ramik accepted an American Patriot Award from the 177th Military Police Brigade at its Freedom Salute ceremony, held September 7 at Harry S. Truman High School. Brigadier General Michael Nevin presented the award, given for "support of our soldiers in the Army National Guard who are defending freedom at home and around the world."

The City of Taylor has sponsored several homecomings for troops returning from war, and works closely with the 177th MP Brigade, Michigan Army National Guard,

which operates an armory in Taylor.

"I have worked in many cities throughout the United States," Nevin said. "Taylor is by far one of the best communities for supporting our troops."

Also honored during the ceremony were the Rotary Club of Taylor, which was given the Minuteman Award for its support of our troops and the Family Readiness Program, and more than 100 soldiers, who were recognized for their service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Some of the soldiers have already served two or three tours in Iraq. □



(From right) Councilman Ramik looked on as General Nevin presented Taylor Rotary president Armando Sardanopoli with a Minuteman Award. Photos by Kathleen Trent



## 65% Voter Turnout in Presidential Election Sets New Record in City of Romulus



By 7:20 a.m., voters at Romulus Elementary School had already formed a long queue as they waited for their chance to vote in the November 4, 2008 General Election. Rendell Wooden, election clerk for the City of Romulus, said the day's proceedings went pretty smoothly, especially considering that the 11,303 total ballots cast set a new record for voter participation. *Photo by R. E. Kadau*

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Cost (includes two pieces of pizza, chips, a craft, and story time) is \$4 per child. (Optional) pictures with Santa are \$2.

Register at the Rec Center (35765 Northline) by Thursday, December 4.

### Santa's Mailbox

Children who "post" letters to Santa in the Romulus Civic League's special mailbox, which will be displayed in front of the public library, will get a personal reply.

Deadline is Friday, December 19.

### Taylor

#### Santa's Magic Forest

Santa's Magic Forest at Heritage Park (12111 Pardee Road) will be open Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 1 to 8 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 7 p.m. from November 28 through the end of December.

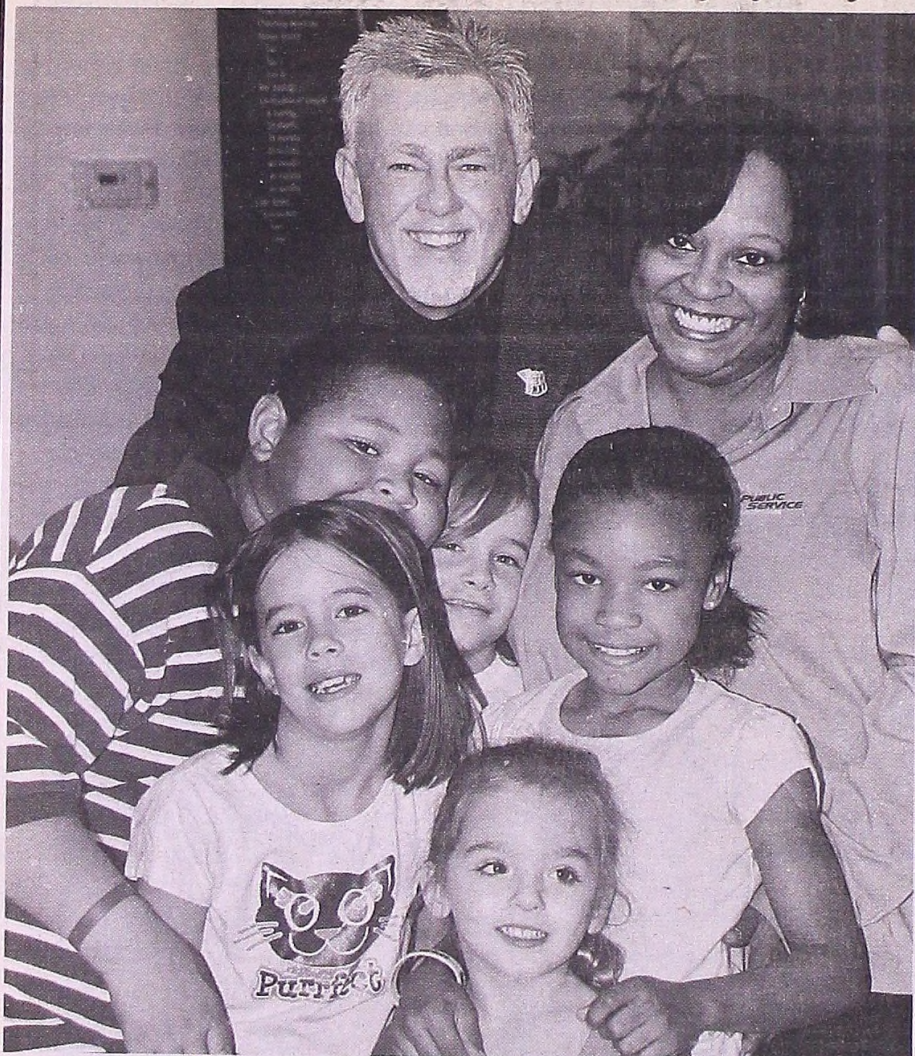
Admission is \$3; \$2 for seniors and children 10 and under. □

## Victors Celebrate on Election Night



(From left) Among those celebrating General Election victories at Taylor's American Legion Hall on November 4, 2008, were re-elected 23rd District Court Judge William J. Sutherland and newly elected State Representative Douglas Geiss, who was joined by wife Erika and son Michael. *Photos by Kathleen Trent*

## Credit Union Sponsors Child Safety Day



A "Child Safety Day" sponsored by Public Service Credit Union of Romulus on November 1 featured an opportunity for children to visit with local heroes like City of Romulus police officers and fire fighters. Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert – who was a member of the Romulus police force before becoming the City's chief administrator – was among those on hand to talk with the youngsters.

## Police Best Firefighters in Charity Hockey



The annual Taylor Police-Taylor Firefighters hockey game, held November 7 at the Taylor Sportsplex, ended in a thrilling 5-4 win for the police team. The event was a benefit for the Fish & Loaves Community Food Bank and the TPD's Holly McGeogh Memorial Scholarship Fund. Pictured above is former Red Wings player Lee Norwood (center), who refereed an arm-wrestling match between Director of Police Service Jac Desrosiers (left) and Fire Chief Vince Fedel. Norwood and John Ogradnick signed free autographs. *Photo by Dave Gorgon*



## New Security Lane at DTW Accommodates Passengers Unfamiliar with Air Travel

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has announced the expansion of its "family lane" concept to every security checkpoint in America. The expansion will be complete by Thursday, November 20 – just in time for the busy Thanksgiving travel season.

These so-called "green" lanes allow families, individuals unfamiliar with air-travel procedures, and travelers with special needs to go through security at their own pace.

Individuals carrying medically necessary liquids, aerosols, and gels in excess of three ounces will also be directed to the green lanes. Individuals traveling with liquids, gels, and aerosols within 3-1-1 limits will experience no change to their screening procedures.

According to TSA, the introduction of lanes that will serve as both family lanes and dedicated lanes for passengers carrying medically necessary liquids will strengthen efforts to build a network of technology to detect liquid explosives.

"Passengers have shown a preference to go at their own pace," said Kip

Hawley, TSA administrator. "Expanding these lanes to every airport, and directing families and passengers with medically necessary liquids to them, increases passenger convenience and security."

Officers manning these dedicated family lanes will use their training and explosive detection technologies to work with passengers to quickly and efficiently complete the screening process, said Robinson. Individuals traveling with medically necessary liquids, gels, and aerosols such as baby formula, insulin, cough syrup, contact-lens solution, and prescription medications will undergo additional screening (that will usually take less than two minutes) to ensure these items do not pose a threat.

Liquid explosives are still a relevant security concern. Restrictions on quantities of liquids, gels, and aerosols carried onboard aircraft were implemented in August 2006. Technological innovations will allow a review of current procedures by the fall of 2009.

For more information on checkpoint security, visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov). □

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## WCAA Debuts New, Lead-free Public Safety Training Range at Detroit Metro Airport

On November 13, the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) celebrated the grand opening of its new, lead-free public safety firearm training range at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW). The range is the first of four components of a new public safety training center slated to open over the next year.

"Public safety and security is always the Airport Authority's top priority," stated WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. "We are proud to have the best-trained public safety officers possible, and this new facility enhances our ability to provide the very best training more efficiently and sustainably."

Robinson said that the \$2 million, 8,215-square-foot range provides Airport Police with one of the region's finest firearm training facilities located directly on airport grounds. Previously, according to a statement issued by the WCAA, Airport Police trained at off-site facilities.

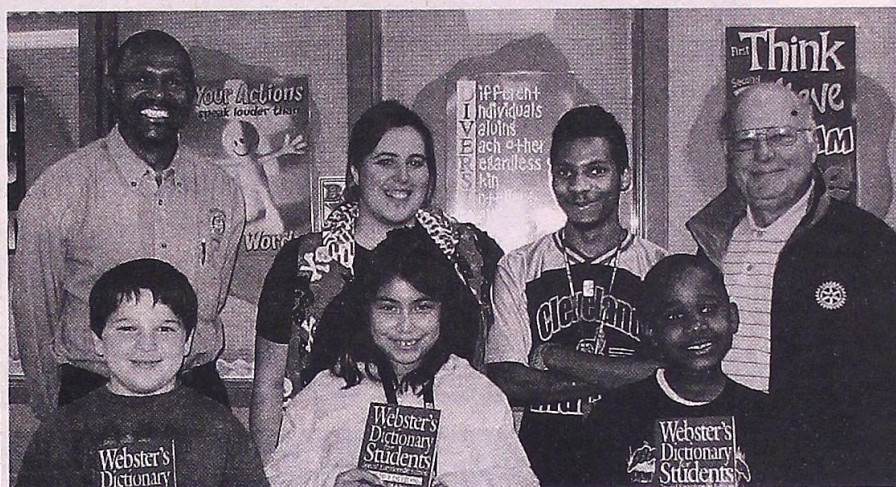
In addition to being outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment, the new range is also set up to be entirely lead-free. While conventional training ranges

utilize traditional lead-based ammunition, Airport Police officers training at the new airport range will use special, lead-free equipment that reduces exposure to toxic metals and precludes the need for cumbersome, expensive cleaning and maintenance procedures.

While capable of being fired from standard firearms, the special frangible ammunition – known as Reduced-Hazard Training Ammunition (RHTA) – turns to copper dust upon impact with ballistic steel paneling on the back of the range. That copper dust can then be collected and recycled. Because no toxic materials are present, maintenance of the facility can be accomplished by Airport Authority maintenance crews instead of special HAZMAT crews.

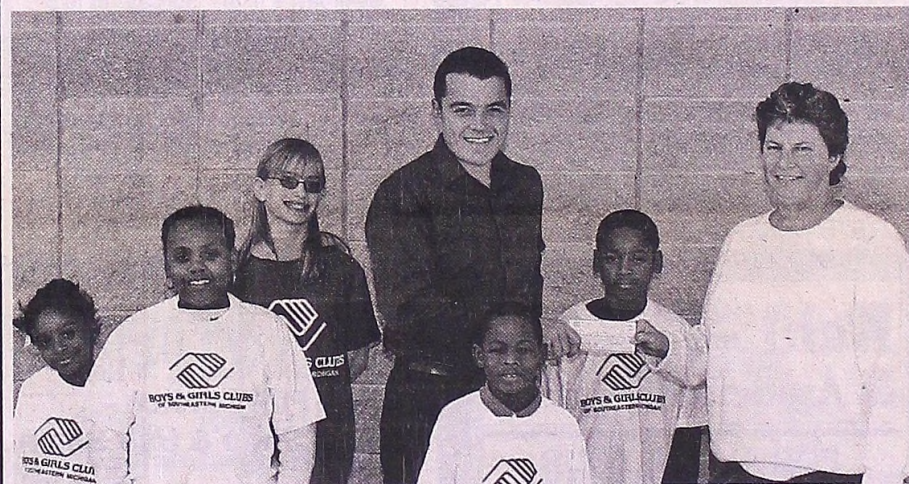
"The new range is a prime example of sustainable development," Robinson said. "Although the RHTA costs about 30-40% more than traditional ammunition, the savings in operation and maintenance expenses it provides will reduce the total cost to operate the facility in the long run." □

## Rotary Donates Dictionaries To Students



For the third straight year, the Romulus Rotary Club has donated a new Webster collegiate dictionary to each third-grader attending Romulus Community Schools, including those at Cory Elementary. Pictured above (left to right) are: front – Cory students Charles Tigney, Kimberly Osorio, and Glenn Hamby; back – Emery Long (Rotarian), Katie Koester (Romulus High School "Interact" member), Miekyle Turner (RHS "Interact" member), and Kris Moe (Rotarian).

## True Health Donates to Boys & Girls Club



On behalf of the Boys & Girls Clubs (Romulus), area director Jill Covell accepted a \$400 check from Dr. Jeremiah Shaft of True Health Chiropractic in Romulus. Shaft raised the money during Pumpkin Fest, when he offered an x-ray/exam/consultation package (normally \$275) for a \$20 donation. Photo by R. E. Kadan

## Taylor Sports Hall of Fame Inducts 4



The Taylor Sports and Recreation Hall of Fame recently inducted four individuals: (from left) Cleveland Browns special teams coach Ted Daisher (who was represented by his nephew, Jeff Sims, because he had to attend a game); Taylor Northwest Little League president Lanny Hall, Sr.; high school and college baseball standout Corey Montry; and state champion gymnast, coach, and Taylor South treasurer Tim Witz. The induction took place November 6 at the Taylor Sportsplex, where plaques of all inductees are on display. Photo by Dave Gorgon





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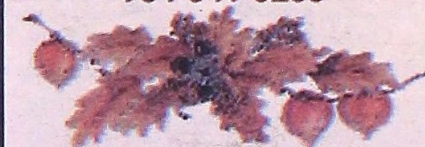
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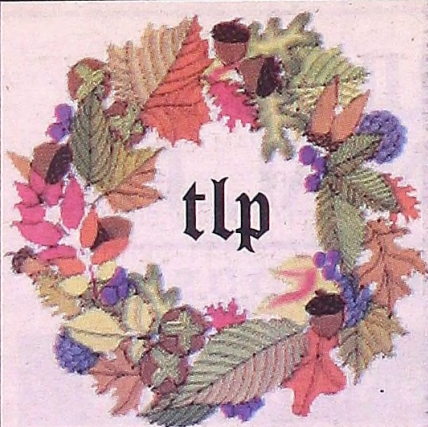
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#### Senior Center Collecting Donations for Goodfellows

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#### Flu/Pneumonia Shots

The Wayne County Health Department will be administering flu and pneumonia shots at the Romulus Senior Center on Tuesday, November 18, at 9 a.m. Medicare recipients pay nothing; others pay \$15 for a flu shot, \$35 for a pneumonia shot.

#### Jewelry Class

The next of Maria Lambert's always-popular jewelry classes will be held on Thursday, November 20, at 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10. Preregister at the Center.

#### Motor City Casino

The Romulus Senior Center's next trip to Motor City Casino is set for Monday, November 24, at 9 a.m. Besides free transportation to and from the casino, participants will receive a free \$15 voucher, good for food or tokens.

Advance sign-up is required.

#### Lunch Out

The Senior Center's next lunch outing will be to Frenchtown on Friday, November 21, at 11 a.m.

Advance registration is required.

#### Shopping Trip

Romulus seniors are invited to ride the Center's bus, free of charge, to shop at Kmart on Monday, November 17. Transportation will depart from the Center at 9:30 a.m.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come/first-served basis.

#### Hot Lunches Warm Chilly Afternoons

Don't forget that the Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. weekdays (except for holidays) for a suggested donation of only \$2.25. This month's menu includes chili, Swedish meatballs, BBQ beef ribettes, mac & cheese, veggie lasagna, and seafood salad.

Call by noon at least one business day in advance to make your reservation.

#### Senior Center Closings

The Romulus Senior Center will be closed November 27-28 for Thanksgiving.

#### Senior Discounts at Athletic Center

The beautiful new Romulus Athletic Center is offering generous discounts on memberships for Romulus senior citizens. Individuals can join for as little as \$168.75 per year; families (all members must be senior citizens) for as little as \$300.

Romulus seniors can also purchase individual day passes for just \$5.25.

The RAC - located at 35765 Northline - is open Monday through Saturday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 734-942-2223 for info.

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#### "An Afternoon at the Movies"

Enjoy a gourmet buffet and dessert, then check out the latest James Bond film, *Quantum of Solace* (with complimentary popcorn and beverages), on Tuesday, November 18. Bus departs from the Center at 10:15 a.m. and returns at about 4 p.m.

A cost of \$18.75 includes transportation, lunch, and admission. Advance registration is required.

#### Special Trips

For more information about these and other special trips, call the Center.

- **24th Annual Festival of Trees** (Wednesday, November 26. \$6 covers transportation to the Festival of Trees, a public display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees, vignettes, an elaborate gingerbread village, hand-made wall hangings, individually designed wreaths and centerpieces, entertainment for all ages, fun-filled children's activities, photos with Santa, a festive gift shop, a Secret Santa Shop just for kids, and more! Lunch at Silver Spoons in Allen Park is not included. Bus departs at 11:30 a.m. and returns about 4 p.m.)

- **The Nutcracker** (Sunday, December 7. \$21 covers transportation to a Ballet Americana performance of *The Nutcracker* with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Lunch at Applebee's is not included. Bus departs at 12:30 p.m. and returns about 6 p.m.)

#### Christmas Party

The Ford Senior Center's Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. The event will feature a catered dinner by Veronica's, music by Solitaire, a gift for each person, and door prizes.

Tickets (\$15 each) must be purchased by Thursday, December 11.

Please note: no tickets will be sold at the door.

#### Senior Activity Cards

The City of Taylor is offering its senior citizens (age 55 and older) a Senior Activity Card, which entitles holders to free year-round swimming at City pools, free use of the Taylor Recreation Center, and other discount services. The card - available at the Parks and Recreation Office (22805 Goddard Road) - is \$25.

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## Belleville

### Is He Dead?

Belleville High School (501 West Columbia Avenue) will present *Is He Dead?* – a new comedy by Mark Twain – Thursday through Saturday, November 20–22, in the school auditorium. Curtain time for all three performances will be 7 p.m.

The play was first published in print in 2003, after Twain scholar Shelley Fisher Fishkin read the manuscript in the Mark Twain Papers archives at the University of California at Berkeley.

For tickets (\$7 for adults; \$6 for students/senior citizens), call 734-697-9133.

### "The Model T: A Car for the Multitude"

The Fred C. Fischer Library, in partnership with the Belleville Area Museum and the Friends of the Library, will celebrate the centennial of the Model T on Thursday, November 20, when author Robert Casey will discuss his book, *The Model T: A Centennial History*. The free program will be held at the Library (167 Fourth Street) at 7 p.m.

For information, call 734-699-3291.

### Arts & Crafts Fair

The Ladies Guild of St. Anthony's Catholic Church will sponsor its 22nd annual Arts & Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 22, in the Father Folta Building, located behind the church (409 West Columbia Avenue). The fair will feature a variety of seasonal items, wood crafts, flower arrangements, cards, mittens ... something for everyone!

Other highlights will include a soup-and-sandwich luncheon, to be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For information on table rentals, call 734-697-8822 after 5 p.m. Space is limited.

### Teen Programs

Teen programs for students in grades 6–12 will be held at the Fred C. Fischer Library (167 Fourth Street) on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. according to the following schedule:

- **Holiday Get-Together** (December 18),
- **World Peace Night** (January 15), and
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For information, call Becki Graybeal at 734-941-3926.

## Romulus

### Craft Sale

Rudgate West will host its annual Craft Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 15, at the clubhouse (7040 Shawnee Drive – enter from Ecorse Road between Cogswell and Hannan roads).

Everyone is welcome!

For information, call 734-728-6444.

### Holiday Shopping Party

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is hosting a Holiday Shopping Party from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 15, at 11189 Shook Road. Various vendors will be selling home-décor products, candles, jewelry, makeup, toys, and more from companies like Home Interiors, Party Lite, Tupperware, Lia Sophia, and Avon.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

### Children's Craft Programs

Youngsters are invited to sign up for one or both of the following one-day craft programs, which will be offered by the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

- **Thanksgiving** (November 15) and
- **Christmas Tree Trim** (December 6).

Although there is no charge to participate, advance registration is requested.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

### Waste Management's Weihmiller To Speak at Chamber's Monthly Luncheon

Carey Weihmiller, municipal & community relations representative for Waste Management, will be a guest speaker at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's next business luncheon, to be held on Tuesday, November 18, at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel (9191 Wickham). She will discuss recycling and "think green from home" programs.

Cost of the luncheon is \$15 for members; \$18 for nonmembers. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m.; lunch is served at 12 p.m.

For reservations, call 734-893-0694 or e-mail [info@romuluschamber.com](mailto:info@romuluschamber.com).

### Hypnotherapy for Weight Loss

A one-day hypnotherapy session for weight reduction will be held at the Romulus Recreation Building (11189 Shook

Road) from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 22.

Cost is \$25 for both residents and non-residents. Deadline for registration is Thursday, November 20.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

### Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in and enjoy the discussion and refreshments.

Books for future discussions include:

- *Mr. Paradise* by Elmore Leonard (December 8),
- *Death of Ivan Ilyich* by Leo Tolstoy (January 12),
- *American Detective: An Amos Walker Mystery* by Loren D. Estleman (February 9),
- *Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts (March 9),
- *Thief of Souls* by Ann Benson (April 13), and
- *Anatomy of a Murder* by Robert Traver (May 11).

For information, call 734-942-7589.

### Roast Beef Dinner

The next in a series of roast beef dinners hosted by Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive Street) will be held on Saturday, December 13, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The dinners – open to all – include roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables, roll, dessert, and beverage. Takeouts and deliveries to the Romulus area are available.

Succeeding dinners will be held the second Saturday of each month.

Suggested donation is \$8 for adults; \$4 for children 6 to 12.

For information, call 734-941-0736.

### Bowling Night

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is planning a Bowling Night benefit on Saturday, January 24, 2009. The event will take place at Lodge Lanes (south of I-94 Service Drive, west of Belleville Road, in Belleville) from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

A ticket cost of \$40 per couple (\$20 per person) will include three games of 9-Pin No-Tap bowling, "mystery" games (first and second), pizza, and door prizes. Jackpots and a cash bar will also be available. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office (11189 Shook Road).

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the CAF 5 Prescription Drug Program for children who are less fortunate.

For information, call 734-893-0694 or email [info@romuluschamber.com](mailto:info@romuluschamber.com).

## Taylor

### Dinner/Comedy Show

Comedians Phil Dunham and Jay Cooper will perform at the Greenside Grille at Taylor Meadows Golf Club (25360 Ecorse Road) on Friday, November 21. The evening will kick off with a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the show at 9 p.m.

Tickets – available at the Taylor Meadows Pro Shop – are \$20 for the buffet dinner and show, or \$10 for the show only. Limited tickets will be available at the door.

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### Thanksgiving Buffet Is Holiday Tradition at Lakes of Taylor Golf Club

The annual Lakes of Taylor Thanksgiving Buffet will be held from 12 to 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day (November 27) at the Lakes of Taylor Golf Club (25505 Northline Road). The buffet features honey-glazed ham, sliced turkey with gravy, corn bread stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, sweet-potato crunch, green-bean casserole, and homemade stuffed peppers with tomato sauce. A full salad bar, assortment of breads, and holiday desserts are also included.

Cost for the buffet is \$18.95; seniors and children pay \$14.95 and \$7.50, respectively. Seating is by reservation only.

For information or reservations, call 734-287-9001 or visit [www.taylorgolf.com](http://www.taylorgolf.com).  
"The Gift of the Magi"

The Downriver Council for the Arts (20904 Northline Road) will present a poetic version of O'Henry's classic, "The Gift of the Magi," on Thursday, December 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Ben Randal, on guitar, and Carole Scott, on flute, will provide musical entertainment. Seating is limited; advanced registration is requested.

For information, call 734-287-6103 or visit [www.downriverarts.com](http://www.downriverarts.com). □

## Wrestling Club Meets

The Romulus Wrestling Club's new season has already begun, and coaches Jeff Kelsey, Kevin Cox, and Brian Householder are looking for new members of all ages and experience levels to join the free program.

The club meets in the wrestling room at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.

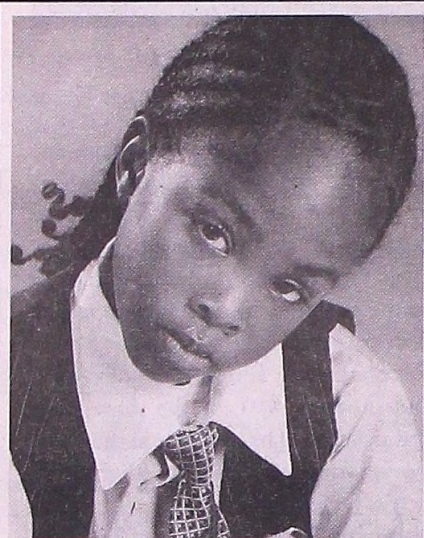
According to Kelsey, the first tournament will be held January 11, 2009. A kickoff tournament may also be scheduled in December, but has not yet been finalized.

For further information, contact Kelsey at 734-502-9382. □



## Congratulations!

### Isaiah Bonner Voted "Most Beautiful"



Isaiah Thomas Bonner

Isaiah Thomas Bonner – a first-grader at Halecreek Elementary School in Romulus, Michigan – received the Voters' Choice "Most Beautiful" Award (ages 4–5) in the recent "Detroit's Most Photogenic Babies of 2008" contest.

Altogether, Isaiah was awarded two trophies: one for being selected as the overall winner in the Voters' Choice category, and the other for being the Judges' Choice for runner-up.

Isaiah is the son of Veronica-Everett Bonner and T.C. Bonner, and grandson of Arnell and Reasther Everett (Westland, MI) and Fred and Brenda Cage (Ypsilanti, MI).

The "Detroit's Most Photogenic Babies of 2008" contest raised more than \$7,500 for the Children's Miracle Network Beaumont Foundation. □

## Obituary

### Ray Cantrell

Ray Cantrell of Zephyrhills, Florida, passed away on October 23, 2008. He was 80 years old.

The longtime resident of Romulus, Michigan, served as a city councilman before retiring and moving to northern Michigan in 1984 and Florida in 1989.

Ray is survived by his son, Raymond (Betty) Cantrell; his daughter, Linda (Dennis) Stead; 7 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 8, at New Faith Chapel (Romulus). □

As part of our commitment to community service, *the little paper* publishes personal and death notices, free of charge, for local residents. Call 734-941-1907.

### APA Halloween Party Was Frightful Fun



President Bronson Bell and vice-president Lloyd Coleman welcomed community members of all ages to the American Progressive Association's annual Halloween Night Party, which was held at the Thomas J. Coleman Center in Romulus. APA volunteers – including Della Hendricks, Elsie Trevedi, Barbara Underwood, Betsy Butler, and Marie Butler – served hot dogs, chips, and apple cider, while Romulus City Councilman Harry Crout passed out candy.

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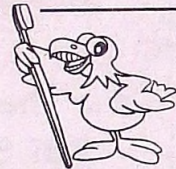
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